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MEMORANDUM

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Subj: ADDITION OF DECK WATCH OFFICER EXAM EQUIVALENCY APPROVAL

Ref: (a) Coast Guard Deck Watch Officer Examination Program, COMDTINST 16672.5D of March 09, 2015.

1. Reference (a) is hereby changed to remove restrictions applied to paragraph 10.b. Merchant Mariner Credentialing Rules of the Road Examinations. The following paragraph is effective March 09, 2015 and will read as follows:

Merchant Mariner Credentialing Rules of the Road Examinations. There are several Rules of the Road examination modules which are taken in conjunction with an application for a merchant mariner credential, but only one may be used to earn Coast Guard DWO examination credit.

- a. The Rules of the Road examination module for International + Inland, Module Number Q100 is the only authorized substitute for the DWINTO.
- b. Persons who have successfully completed this examination module at a Coast Guard Regional Exam Center (REC) will receive a memo indicating completion. Personnel should submit this documentation to the Coast Guard Institute via the member's Education Services Officer (ESO) to apply for credit.
- c. Personnel who have taken a commercial course approved by the National Maritime Center (NMC) equivalent to the Q100 exam are required to submit a copy of a signed certificate from an NMC approved course provider to the Coast Guard Institute via the member's Education Services Officer (ESO) to apply for credit. Those courses may be found on the NMC website at www.uscg.mil/nmc. Only courses specifically approved as meeting the Coast Guard Deck Watch Officer requirements may be used to meet this requirement.
- d. Persons who have successfully completed a DWO examination may not be credited for that module when applying for a Merchant Mariner Credential. There is no credentialing equivalent for either DWO module. Coast Guard members who use module Q100 from either an REC or commercial provider for initial qualification must take the Coast Guard

Institute DWINTR examination before the five year period expires in order to meet requirements.

2. A new course code has been created for the DWO commercial equivalency, CG Institute shall use course code 100080 (DWO INTERNATIONAL/INLAND-COMMERCIAL SOURCE (DWCOMM)), to document a member's completion of the DWO Exam equivalent via a commercial provider when entering in Direct Access.
3. These changes will be reflected in the next update to reference (a). All other provisions contained in reference (a) remain the same.
4. Questions surrounding this policy change can be directed to Mr. Dennis Thorseth, Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751), who can be contact via e-mail at Dennis.C.Thorseth@uscg.mil or by phone at (202) 372-2335.

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